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1. VISITING UNDP/OTC MINERALS EXPERTS (JOHN HARRIS AND CLAUDE LEPELLETIER) HAVE JUST PRESENTED THEIR PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NICKEL PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY TO BURUNDI GOVERNMENT. THEIR CONIGUSIONS ARE FOR MORE EXTENSIVE PROJECT THAN EXPECTED, WITH OVER ONE YEAR EFFORT (TO BEGIN EARLY 1976 AND FINISH IN MID-1977), WHICH WILL INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, AND INFRASTRUCTURAL, AS WELL AS STRICTLY MINING AND METALLURGICAL, ASPECTS.

2. THEY BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT ENTREPRENEURS MUST HAVE RATHER COMPLETE OVERVIEW OF ALL PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY ARE ASKED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PUT THEIR OWN MONEY EVEN INTO FULL FEASIBILITY STUDIES. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR PLAN WILL REQUIRE SOJOURN IN BURUNDI OF NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL EXPERTS AND THAT THIS WILL INCREASE COST OF PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY, PERHAPS TO TWO MILLION DOLLAR LEVEL. THEY ARE AWARE OF UNDP FINANCING PROBLEMS AND OF DIFFICULTY OF BORROWING FUNDS FOR  
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PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY NOW FROM BUDGET ALLOCATED TO BURUNDI ONLY

FOR 1977 TO 1981 PERIOD. NEVERTHELESS, THEY HOPE TO CONVINCE  
SUPERIORS IN NEW YORK THAT TRUNCATED STUDY WOULD NOT RPT NOT DO  
JUSTICE TO BURUNDI'S CLEAR NEED FOR FULL STOCK-TAKING ON NICKEL.

3. STRETCH-OUT OF PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL PROBABLY BE WELCOME  
NEWS TO TEMPELSMAN WHO FEELS THAT TIME (I.E., LIKELY  
WORLD ECONOMIC REVIVAL) IS ON HIS SIDE IN GETTING PRIVATE  
BUSINESSMEN ULTIMATELY TO CONCUR IN RISKING MONEY IN BURUNDI  
NICKEL. MOREOVER, LOCAL UNDP MINERALS TEAM MEMBERS HAVE  
RECEIVED REPORT OF IMPROVED METALLURGICAL PROCESS DEVELOPED BY  
COMPANY IN DESPLAINES, ILLINOIS, WHICH IS SAID GREATLY TO  
INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF NICKEL EXTRACTION FROM LATERITE ORES OF  
BURUNDI TYPE, AND WHICH, IF TRUE, COULD INCREASE ATTRACTIVENESS  
OF INVESTMENT HERE.  
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